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SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEETING ON CHOLERA OUTBREAK

1. HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM IRAQ, KUWAIT, OMAN, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UAE MET HERE LATE LAST WEEK UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF BAHRAIN MINISTER OF HEALTH TO DISCUSS THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN SYRIA, JORDAN AND LEBANON. NEWS REPORTS OF THE MEETING STATE THAT IMPORT OF FOODSTUFFS OTHER THAN FRESH FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND CANNED FOODS FROM THE THREE AFFECTED COUNTRIES WERE BANNED, WITH DAIRY AND FISH PRODUCTS LISTED AS MOST DANGEROUS. THE OFFICIALS ALSO RECOMMENDED MORE STRINGENT MEDICAL CHECKS AND TIGHTER SANITARY CONTROLS.  
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2. THE HEALTH OFFICIALS CAUTIONED AGAINST PANIC AS ONE CASE IN KUWAIT WAS THE ONLY CONFIRMED INCIDENCE OF CHOLERA IN THE GULF REGION. THEY RECOMMENDED INNOCULATIONS FOR ALL TRAVELERS, INCREASED CARE IN WASHING FRESH FOODS AND CARE IN EATING OUT.

3. ACCORDING TO THE NEWS REPORT THE UAE HAS TAKEN GREATEST

PRECAUTION AGAINST CHOLERA. UAE HAD ALREADY BANNED IMPORT OF  
FOODSTUFFS FROM SYRIA AND JORDAN. THE UAE ALSO HAD INCREASED  
THE CHLORINE IN WATER SUPPLY, BEGUN TO ENFORCE CHOLERA  
INNOCULATION REQUIREMENT ON INCOMING TRAVELERS AND INCREASED  
FLY CONTROL PROGRAMS, REFUSE COLLECTIONS, AND INSPECTIONS OF  
RESTAURANTS AND FOOD STORES.  
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